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## **GLENDALÉ RECEIVES YOUTH FOOTBALL HUB GRANT**

GLENDALÉ, Ariz.- Youth football. Without it, there is no training camp. No preseason games. No home opener. No playoffs. No Super Bowl. No National Football League.

Youth football just got a huge boost in Glendale. The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) in partnership with USA Football, an arm of NFL Charities, has awarded the city of Glendale a grant-funded program designed to promote and improve youth football around the country. Glendale will receive a three-year grant for \$150,000 as one of five Youth Football Hubs in the country chosen for the program.

The “Youth Football Hub” program will provide national recognition for Glendale as a community leader in youth sports. The program also provides strategic planning, technical assistance and staff training, promoting the growth of youth football programming and community partnerships. This program also promotes improving the quality of youth football programming, expansion of youth development through sports and promoting healthy lifestyles.

The Glendale Parks and Recreation Department works with several youth football organizations in the city. Glendale currently offers a 5-on-5 flag football league consisting of approximately 160 kids on 16 teams. In addition, Glendale’s Youth Sports Complex, adjacent to the Cardinals Stadium, which opened earlier this year, provides additional opportunities for youth football to grow in Glendale.

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The partnership with the NRPA and USA Football will boost opportunities for community participation in existing youth football programs and the growth of those programs.

For more information, contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 623-930-2820 or visit [www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation](http://www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation).

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